

# INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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PCT/EP2004/008279

## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 A61F9/01

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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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EP2004/8279**Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)**

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

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because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

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